

MYTHBUSTERS

Preparation

- Read the scripture selection and discussion topics.
- Pray for your meeting and group members.
- Be welcoming and the first to smile!

Follow Up

- Remind people to pray and update the prayer journal if you have one.
- Give praise reports and updates.
- Follow up with your group midweek.

Content Summary

- We have all been in a place where we have felt like we didn't add up; we felt like we couldn't belong because we weren't good enough. Whether it be relationships, a job, a club, or even a church, in many ways it might feel like we have to get ourselves cleaned up before we can show up, even to Small Group. The reality is that we need to be able to show up even on our worst days. We should recognize that when we feel like we aren't behaving correctly, or when we feel like we aren't sure what we believe, we can still engage with God and with those who are following Jesus. In fact, Jesus invites us to come and follow Him no matter where we are in our life.

Scripture Selections

- Mark 2:13-17

- Matthew 16:24
- Romans 3:22-24

Icebreaker

- Talk about a time when you didn't get in, failed a test, or had a bad interview.

Discussion Topics

- How important is it to have a place where you can belong somewhere, to something, or to someone?
- What does it feel like when you don't think you can fit in?
- Read the passage from Mark
- Ask the group to talk about Jesus' invitation to "follow me".
- Ask the following questions:
 - What does it mean to follow Jesus? Read Matthew 16:24.
 - Can you remember the moment you decided to follow Him?
 - Tell us about the time Jesus asked you to follow Him.
- Ask the group to talk about Jesus' statement about calling sinners, not the righteous. Ask the following questions:
 - What does it mean to be a sinner?
 - What is righteousness?
 - Who is righteous?
 - Are you righteous or are you a sinner?
- Read Romans 3:22-24
- Pray together as a group, thanking God for sending his son to redeem us.